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J.F.K. Probe Figure Reported Leaving

New Orleans, Feb. 23 (AP)—David Lewis, who said Monday he feared for his life because of what he knew about a local probe into the death of President John F. Kennedy, was reported today to have left town with his family for an undisclosed location.

The disclosure came after a routine check for Lewis for comment on the death of David W. Ferrie, a key figure in the investigation directed by District Attorney Jim Garrison. Ferrie was found dead in his apartment yesterday.

Lewis, a 26-year-old bus station baggage clerk, formerly was a private detective. In that role he claimed to have met New Orleans-born Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the Kennedy assassin.

Lewis, his wife and their four children were away from their home last night. Neighbors said they had no idea of the family's whereabouts.

Employees at the bus station said, "We don't know where he is and don't know when he will be back—and that's official."